

SPORTING NEWS

SCRAPPY JIMMY BURKE WILL BE ASSISTANT TO TRAINER JENNINGS OF THE TIGERS.

The assistant to the manager idea, originated by Charley Comiskey, is becoming an American league habit.

Frank Navin, president of the Detroit team, which will be recalled as the Tigers of the organization before it acquired a disposition like a pet kitten, has signed Jimmy Burke to assist Hugh Jennings.

Navin believes Jennings would have obtained better results from the raft of material provided for him this year had he been one to add him, as did Cullahan of the White Sox and Mack of the Athletics. Some one to give the youngsters a real trpout, instead of being satisfied with a personal "once-over."

"The time has come," as others besides the Walrus have noted, when coaches for major league teams are as necessary as scouts. And just as the clubs which first employed good scouts gathered in the best minor league players, so have the teams which first employed coaches, getting the best results.

In proof of this, the Athletics and Giants, with Davis and Robinson, won pennants this year, and for the White Sox "Kid" Gleason discovered "Lefty" Russell and made "Buck" Weaver a real ball player.

Last season Jim Burke managed the Fort Wayne club of the Central league, to which several Tiger kittens were farmed. These men claim they learned more real baseball in a month under Burke than in their baseball lives up to being sentenced to Fort Wayne.

Burke as a major league player was unfortunate enough to close his career in St. Louis. He has managed several minor league teams and has been scouting every year for Detroit.

With his experience Burke should prove valuable. He lacks the temperament of a first-class manager, being inclined to explode without excuse, doing his team more harm than good.



HUGH JENNINGS AND JIMMY BURKE, HIS NEW ASSISTANT TRAINER

But when it comes to knowing baseball inside-out, no one has a thing on Jimmy of the red cheeks and battle-blue eyes.

When Detroit goes to Gulfport next spring Burke will have charge of the recruits, giving them as much atten-

tion as Jennings gives to the regulars, and when the club divides for the trip north he will have charge of the Yarnigans. For the balance of the season he will help Jennings on the coaching line and work out the youngsters at daily practice.

and during the game with the Detroit for baseball's highest honors he hit just .164.

Honus Wagner batted .355 during the championship season of 1903 and in the world's series with the Red Sox his average was shaved down to .200. Baker has lived up to his regular standard in the world's series.

THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS HAS A TRUE SENTIMENT

Occasionally some play strikes a note that rings out clear and true in the midst of the commonplace and impresses its auditor with the thought that it was not written for gain, not for pastime, but because some man had something to say to other men and he took this means of expression. "The Shepherd of the Hills," Harold Bell Wright's dramatization of his novel of the same name, is this kind of play. Mr. Wright had felt within his soul the peace and beauty of the hills and he wished to set down their meaning before him. He made a play that in plot is compelling, one that never fails in sincerity. The people who move in it are so human that the auditor will pick them out for like and dislike as if he really knows them.

There is the shepherd, the man who came to the hills to learn, and remained to teach; Old Matt, who cherished the memory of a wrong that could never be righted; Young Matt, a Hercules of the hills country, whose strength of heart and soul equalled the strength of his body; Sammy Lane, bright and buoyant with the youth of the hill country; and the other quaint characters that enliven the play with humor.

The scene of the play is in the high hills of the Ozark mountains. The mists of the valleys, the glories of the sunsets, the magnificent vistas from the summits have been brought out by the artist and electrician's craft. It is the spirit of the land that Mr. Wright has caught that makes the play one that is unique and one that will stand in a field of its own.

"The Shepherd of the Hills" will be the attraction at the Elks Theater on Tuesday, December 23. The enormous popularity of the Harold Bell Wright novels indicates that the engagement of this his first play will prove a great popular success.

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number of bodies had been located by the helmet men.

No trace of fire inside the mine has been found, and thus one of the most deadly perils to the entombed men and the rescuers is eliminated.

The Vulcan mine had been running to full capacity for several weeks notwithstanding the strike which was declared in the Colorado coal fields this fall. The strike affected the Vulcan mine, with all the other properties of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, but some of the strikers later went back to work, and the places of those still on strike were filled by the employment of new men.

James Dalrymple, state inspector of coal mines, expected to start for Newcastle at 6 o'clock this evening, with three deputies.

Rescue Force Leaves. Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 16.—George T. Hart, general superintendent of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, and William Morgan, superintendent of the Piedmont mine of the same company, left here for Newcastle with rescue apparatus upon receipt of the news of the explosion.

Not more than twenty men were in the mine is the belief of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company officials here. The ventilating fan is said to have been completely wrecked by the explosion.

Cause Not Known. Denver, Colo., Dec. 16.—Reports received from Newcastle up to noon by President D. W. Brown, of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, gave no indication as to the cause of the explosion in the Vulcan mine. Officials of the company believed that the possibility of dust explosion was slight, and were working on the theory that the disaster was caused by a pocket of gas.

The Vulcan mine has been in operation about a year. Its highest recorded output is 400 tons a day, mostly railroad coal supplied to the Denver & Rio Grande and the Colorado Midland companies. According to Mr. Brown, the highest number of men employed at one time is 33. Mr. Brown did not know the number at work at the time of the explosion.

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tion of El Paso and Juarez fight followers. "Fighting" Thorpe of Kansas City was awarded the decision over Tommy O'Rourke, of Memphis, in the fifteenth round of a scheduled 20 round contest, at the Juarez arena Sunday night on a foul. Tremendously unpopular with the crowd, the decision handed down by Ed Stewart, is considered one of the most unjust verdicts given at Juarez since the game was inaugurated in the border town.

When the fifteenth round was half over, Stewart rushed between the principals and flung O'Rourke towards a corner, and raised Thorpe's right hand in token of victory, claiming that a foul had been struck. The decision very nearly precipitated a riot. Ring side speculation varies slightly regarding whether O'Rourke struck more than one foul blow. One was perfectly perceptible, but apparently unintentional. The fact that Thorpe jumped two inches into the air in order that it would hit him in the groin, is declared by many.

McFARLAND SUSPENDED FOR FAKE FIGHT.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 16.—Packey McFarland was today suspended by the Wisconsin boxing commission for one year from taking part in any boxing contest in this state because of his failure to give a satisfactory "performance" in the bout with Jack Britton in Milwaukee on Dec. 8.

On that occasion the largest crowd that ever attended a local boxing tournament turned out and voiced disapproval of McFarland's work by jeers and cat calls.

BAKER IS ONLY MAN WHO COULD DO IT

More honors have been discovered for J. Franklin Baker, who has made himself so extremely obnoxious to major league pitchers since he moved from Reading, Pa., to Philadelphia, early in September, 1908. It develops that J. Franklin is the only athlete who has been for three seasons a member of the "World's Series Society of Three Hundred Hitters." The man who put Trappe, Md., on the baseball map also is the only player who has annually hit harder in the baseball classic than he has in the regular season.

"Chief" Myers of the Giants had a chance to secure the same honor as Baker possesses, of being a .300 hitter in three world's series, until his hand was damaged prior to the start of the second game for the championship of the world last month. McGraw's Indian batted .300 in the contest with the Athletics in 1911 and .357 in the games with the Red Sox in 1912. His percentage in the one game he played this year was underneath the charmed figure.

Other players who have batted .300 or better in two world's series are, besides Myers, Frank Chance, Frank Schulte, Johnny Evers, Artie Hoffman, Harry Murphy, Jack Barry and Eddie Collins. Collins and Baker are the only two men who have hit over .400 twice. The Columbia graduate has a percentage of .429 in 1910 and of .421 this year. Baker's 1910 figures were .409 and his stick output this year was .450.

Star batsmen have a habit of falling down when games for the world's title are played. "Tip" O'Neill, of the St. Louis Browns of 1887, ran up an average of almost .500 during the regular championship season of the American association

FREDDY HICKS.

Between his fight with Driscoll and January 1, Hicks is booked to meet George Ashe, Buck Crouse and Frank Klaus, all tough nuts. His earnings for November and December will total about \$2000, yet Hicks is a dub whose ability lies chiefly in his ability to take punishment.

HOW THORPE WON, AS THE TIMES MAN SAW IT

The El Paso Times gives the following account of the O'Rourke-Thorpe fight in Juarez Sunday:

After fifteen rounds of the fastest fighting ever witnessed in the Juarez arena, Fighting Harry Thorpe of Kansas City, was given the decision over Tommy O'Rourke of Denver on a foul last night. From the initial gong until the seventh, Thorpe clearly out-fought the aggressive O'Rourke, never for a moment letting up with telling lefts and rights to the head, which brought the blood in gushes from O'Rourke's mouth.

From the beginning of the seventh period the tide of battle changed in favor of O'Rourke. In the opening minute of the seventh round Thorpe shot a straight right to O'Rourke's head which nearly felled the stranger and had him hanging on for a moment. Thorpe seemed unable to finish O'Rourke, who quickly recuperated and unloaded a swift left into Thorpe's middle, which caused the Dutchman to hang on to O'Rourke during the remaining part of the round.

Many times during the succeeding rounds O'Rourke was cautioned by Referee Ed Stewart for hitting low. Stewart, however, made no mention of Thorpe's rough tactics in butting and shouldering his opponent around the ring.

From the seventh on Thorpe was outfought and outgeneraled by O'Rourke. He kept after his man from

gong to gong in every round until the opening of the fifteenth, when a foul was claimed by Thorpe and allowed by Referee Stewart.

Both men were in excellent condition and showed no signs of fatigue at any time, nor did the fight slow up at any stage. Both men went the fifteen rounds faster than most four round scrappers go through their preliminaries. The fighters both were wading in bitterly and seemed to be trying to end the bout by the knock-out route.

Many Challenges Announced.

Just before the opening of the main fight a convention of prize fighters and managers assembled in and about the ring. Nearly every 135-pounder known to local sports, and many not known to local followers, challenged the winner of the Thorpe-O'Rourke go. Among the challengers was Fighting Dick Hyland of San Francisco. A telegram from him was read by the announcer. Battling Minor of Memphis, Tenn., was at the ring side and asked for a match with the winner. Other notables (?) were also announced. Battling Mantell was given an ovation and backed his challenge with a \$1000 side bet which was offered by his manager, Jack Ross. A forfeit was placed in the hands of the promoters by Ross.

The Herald's Story. The El Paso Herald does not mince matters but says:

Characterized by fierce, consistent boxing and continual butting throughout, and aided and abetted by the referee, according to consensus of opin-

The mine has one main entrance, of the slope variety, not being entered through a shaft. In addition, there are a number of airshafts. The main slope was completely blocked by the explosion. Officials of the company consider it possible, however, to enter the mine through the airshafts. A rescue crew from the Colorado Fuel & Iron company's mine at Spring Gulch, 12 miles from Newcastle, started for the scene of the disaster immediately. Efforts were made at once to secure the services of the government mine rescue car, which is now in Wyoming.

President Brown stated that the Vulcan mine was equipped with every modern safety device.

News of the mine explosion at Newcastle was received by telephone at the United States bureau of mines of the here. J. C. Roberts, in charge of mine rescue work in the Rocky mountain region is at Cripple Creek, superintending the work in connection with the recent rock slide in the Golden Cycle mine. A telegram was at once sent to him instructing him to proceed to Newcastle at once.

The mine bureau also sent orders to dispatch one of its mine rescue crews from Wyoming.

AMENDMENTS TO CURRENCY BILL ALL FAIL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Guarantee of national bank deposits as part of the new currency system, was reached today in the senate debate. Senator Bristow led the attack on it.

Senator Hitchcock presented his amendment to increase the federal board from seven to nine members, one of whom would be the secretary of the treasury, but the Democratic line up behind the administration bill held firm and the amendment went to the table by a vote of 35 to 32.

The senate laid aside the guarantee question without a vote, with an understanding to take it up again at the night session.

Senator Walsh defended the bill against attacks on the constitutionality of the provision that banks be compelled to join the new system or give up their charters.

HOLD UP MAN IS SHOT BY POLICE.

Brookfield, Ill., Dec. 16.—A bandit who held up an automobile near here this afternoon was shot by the chief of police of LaGrange and a deputy a few minutes after the attempted robbery. In an exchange of shots between the robber and the officers, a section hand on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad was seriously injured.

EVERYONE SEE THE WONDERFUL REELS



The Last Days of Pompeii as shown on the movie screen at the Elks tonight and tomorrow night should be seen by every resident of the city. They are most brilliant in their conception and the portrayal of the wonderful story of Bulwer is given in a manner that will never be forgotten by those who witness these truly remarkable reels.

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COAL OUTPUT 60 PERCENT OF THE NORMAL

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 16.—Coal production in the southern Colorado coal

fields is sixty per cent of the normal output, according to figures given out today by local operators. The Colorado Fuel and Iron company, the largest company operating in the district, announced a production yesterday of 5,500 tons, as compared with a daily average of 10,000 tons prior to September 23, when the present strike was called. Nine hundred diggers are now said to be at work in the mines of this company. The smaller companies claim to be producing seventy percent of their normal capacity, 100 men, including 38 brought in from the outside, began work yesterday and this morning in local mines.

PITCHED BATTLE MAY FOLLOW RENEWAL OF FEUD

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 16.—Members of the Collins family of Old Horton in Howell county, whose homes were raided Saturday by feud enemies of and barricading their houses in preparation for a "battle to the death," according to reports brought here today.

Paralee Collins, the young woman who was lashed with switches and ordered to leave the state, on pain of death, appeared in West Plains last night accompanied by Mary Dick Collins, another young woman who was ordered out of the county. After supplying themselves with army revolvers and ammunition the women departed, saying they intended to return to Old Horton and "fight it out."

According to reports here great excitement prevails in the isolated village, and a second visit of the raiders would mean a pitched battle. It is said the band of raiders was made up of citizens of the community.

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ENGLISH FIGHTER PANS AUSTRALIANS--"THEY'RE CHEAP SPORTS," SAYS MORAN.



Owen Moran and his wife.

(Staff Special) San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 16.—Owen Moran, the English boxer, arrived recently in San Francisco after a tour of Australia with the finest little roast ever handed the Australian fight world. He declares that they failed to keep their contract with him and that they are cheap sports, anyway, and that Australia is vastly overrated as a fight center. He warns American boxers to keep away from Kangaroo land.

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